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SUBJ: MTN: TROPICAL PRODUCTS CONSULTATIONS - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

REF: MTN GENEVA 9682 AND PREVIOUS

1. SUMMARY: IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS (TP) CONSULTATION WITH  
VISITING GODR DELEGATION, US MTN DEL REVIEWED US TP OFFER  
AND ENUMERATED CONTRIBUTIONS US IS SEEKING FROM GODR IN TP  
NEGOTIATIONS. GODR DEL PROPOSED IN DEPTH EVALUATION OF  
BOTH US OFFER AND CONTRIBUTIONS, AND DID NOT EXPRESS  
OPPOSITION TO PRINCIPLE OF MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS IN TP GROUP.

END SUMMARY.

2. TP CONSULTATION HELD JANUARY 27 WITH CEDOPEX DIRECTOR  
ROBERTO MARTINEZ, VISITING GENEVA TO ATTEND MEETING AT  
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INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER; DR. ROBERTO SALADIN ALSO OF  
CEDOPEX; AND GODR GENEVA AMBASSADOR ALVAREZ. US MTN DEL  
(CULBERT) REVIEWED STATUS OF MTN AND NEW ADMINISTRATION'S  
EXPRESSED PRIORITY INTEREST IN THE NEGOTIATIONS,  
HIGHLIGHTING IMPORTANCE OF TP  
NEGOTIATIONS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. US MTN DEL  
(KNEPPER, SWAI) THEN PROCEEDED TO DETAILED DISCUSSION  
OF US TROPICAL PRODUCTS OFFER AND SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTIONS.

2. US TP OFFER - US MTN DEL REVIEWED MARCH 1, 1976, US

OFFER IN TP GROUP NEGOTIATIONS TO MAKE MFN TARIFF CONCESSIONS ON NEARLY 150 PRODUCTS, NOTING THAT DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HAD HAD EXPORTS TO THE US OF 45 PRODUCTS INCLUDED IN US OFFER, WITH A 1974 US IMPORT TOTAL OF OVER \$22 MILLION, AND THAT 24 OF THESE PRODUCTS HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN THE GODR'S TP REQUEST LIST TO THE US. US MTN DEL NOTED GODR SHOULD HVE PARTICULAR INTEREST IN FIVE PRODUCTS ON THE US TP OFFER LIST FOR WHICH THE GODR WAS INELIGIBLE FOR GSP UNDER COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITATIONS AS ITS EXPORTS HAD EXCEEDED 50 PERCENT OF US TOTAL IMPORTS; (TSUS 136.00 DASHEENS, US 1974 IMPORTS \$3.2 MILLION; TSUS 145.09 COCONUT MEAT, NSPF, US 1974 IMPORTS \$1.1 MILLION; TSUS 149.15 PLANTAINS, PRESERVED, US 1974 IMPORTS \$0.4 MILLION; TSUS 152.43, FRUIT PASTE AND PULP, US 1976 JANUARY-OCTOBER IMPORTS \$0.1 MILLION.) US MTN DEL NOTED THAT US WAS OFFERING BOUND MFN TARIFF CONCESSIONS WHICH WERE NOT SUBJECT TO COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITATIONS OF NONPERMANENT GSP UNILATERAL GRANTS. US MTN DEL ALSO HAD UNDER CONSIDERATION THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDING TO ITS MARCH 1 OFFER TSUS 147.86, FRESH MANGOES, FOR PERIOD NOV 1 -MARCH 1, NOTING THAT GODR PRESUMABLY HAD EXPORT INTEREST IN THIS PRODUCT. US MTN DEL ALSO NOTED THAT DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HAD TRADE IN TSUS 137.8540 VEGETABLES FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN, WITH AN EX-OUT OFFERED FOR JICAMAS, WATER CHESTNUTS, BREADFRUIT, AND YAMS. US MTN DEL EXPRESSED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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INTEREST IN LEARNING WHAT PART OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC'S 1974 EXPORTS OF \$1.1 MILLION OF TSUS 137.8540 WAS IN THOSE PRODUCTS ON WHICH EX-OUT WASOFFERED, NOTING THAT DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HAD SUBSTANTIAL EXPORTS OF BREADFRUIT TO THE US.

3. US REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTIONS - US MTN DEL THEN OUTLINED US POSITION ON SEEKING CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PRINCIPAL BENEFICIARIES OF US TP OFFER OF MFN CONCESSIONS, AND PRESENTED GODR DEL WITH CONFIDENTIAL NEGOTIATING LIST OF 14 PRODUCTS PREPEARED BY WASHINGTON AGENCIES ON WHICH US IS SEEKING GODR TARIFF REDUCTIONS, TARIFF BINDINGS, OR EX-OUTS FOR CREATION OF NEW TARIFF HEADING. US MTN DEL EMPHASIZED THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 5 OF TOKYO DECLARATION CONCERNING NONRECIPROCITY, US WAS REQUESTING MUCH LESS THAN IT WAS OFFERING TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN THIS NEGOTIATION, AND ASSUMED THAT SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS WERE IN GODR'S DEVELOPMENT INTERESTS, US MTN DEL NOTED THAT WHILE ITS LIST OF SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTINONS HAD BEEN CAREFULLY PREPARED, THAT IT WAS NOT PRESENTED ON A "TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT BASIS" AND THAT WE WOULD WELCOME RECEIVING GODR COMMENTS AS TO THE FEASIBILITY OF THE

VARIOUS ITEMS REQUESTED, AS WELL AS ON ANY OTHER  
CONTRIBUTIONS THAT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MIGHT BE ABLE  
TO MAKE TO THE OVERALL MTN GOAL OF TRADE LIBERALIZATION.  
US MTN DEL ALSO NOTED THAT IT WAS HAVING BILATERAL  
CONSULTATIONS WITH SEVERAL LDC DELEGATIONS, AND THAT IT  
WAS STILL POSSIBLE THAT A PACKAGE AGREEMENT MIGHT BE  
REACHED LEADING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT PART OF US TP  
OFFER FOR WHICH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES  
WERE FORTHCOMING. FOR PRODUCTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST  
TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO BE INCLUDED IN SUCH  
POSSIBLE PARTIAL PACKAGE, SOME AGREEMENT ON APPROPRIATE  
CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD BE NECESSARY.

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